probe. These reservations were voiced in the Rajya Sabha when the matter was first raised. Though, subsequently, I am told that the party has officially stated that they have no objection to an inquiry being instituted. But the report has understandably hurt Dr. Manmohan Singh. 1 have always held Dr. Manmohan Singh in high esteem. If unwittingly, I have caused him any offence, I express regrets that this should not have happened. Thank you.

DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: Mr. Minister, are you holding the inquiry?

MR. CHAIRMAN: No questions on this. *(Interruptions).* * No questions on this.

THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (DR. MANMOHAN SINGH): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I am very grateful to the hon. Home Minister for the statement that he has made. As far as I am concerned, that is the end of the matter. If in the heat of the moment, I had said anything during my Bitervemion here, I am very sorry for that. It was never my intention, in any way, to hurt the feelings of the hon. Home Minister. *{Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN: No questions.

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मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री, विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री तथा महासागर विकास मंत्री (डा. मुरली मनोहर जोशी) : सभापति जी, मैं प्रस्ताव करता हूं कि प्रतिलिप्याधिकार अधिनियम, 1957 का और संशोधन करने वाले विधेयक को पुर:स्थापित करने की अनुमति दी जाए ।

The question was put and the motion was adopted

डा. मुरली मनोहर जोशी : सभापति जी, मैं विधेयक को पुर:स्थापित करता हूं ।

[THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE) In the Chair]

DR. mPLAB DASGUPTA (West BengaQ: Madam, a Commission should be appointed. Some announcement should be made in this regard. *(Interruptions).*

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West BengaO: Madam, I would like to know from the hon. Ifome Minister: What is the decisnn of the

Government in regard to the suggestion that a Commission should be appointed to go into the causes, *reasons....(Interruptions).*

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE): Mr. Gupta, that subject is over.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: How can it be?

DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: Madam, we want an answer.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: The Home Minister should reply to it. *(Interruptions).* We want it to be clarified.

PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV (Uttar Pradesh): We want that a Commission should be appointed to go into the matter. *(Interruptions).*

SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA (Uttar Pradesh): We would like to know it. What will the nation think of us? We have wasted a tot of time.

उपसभाध्यक्ष (कुमारी सरोज खापर्डे) : आप हाऊस में थे उस वक्त? सदन के नेता कुछ बोलना चाहते हैं, उनको बोलने दीजिए।

THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): Madam, certain aspects, in response to what the hon. Home Minister has said, have been rais'ed here onthe questton whether any inquiry is warranted or not. I can assure all the hon. Members of the House that all these aspects will be examined and consklered by the Government seriously.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Madam, since the Home Minister is present here, he shouM respond to it. *(Interruptions).* Since the Ifome Minister is present, he shouM respond to it.

उपसभाध्यक्ष (कुमारी सरोज खापर्डे) : मिस्टर गुरुदास दास गुप्ता, सदन के नेता के जवाब देने के बाद कुछ बचता नही है।

THE APPROPRIATION (NO. 4) BILL, 1999

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): Madam, I beg to move: